(2) The total expenditure incurred in the Kolar District is Rs. 10,12,399, the excess over the cess being met out of the loan raised therefor and advances made by Government. In Chitaldrug only a sum of Rs. 9,687 has been expended out of the cess collected. In the other Districts the cess has not yet been spent.

(3) There are no net profits accruing to the District Boards so far.

(4) No.

(5) The period of levy is at the discretion of the District Boards concerned.

(6) and (7) The District Boards and their finance committees control this as well as the other funds constituting the District Fund.

MR. K. T. SESHAIYA, BELUR TALUK.—

Q.—5. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The number of vacancies in different grades of various Departments that have been referred to the Central Recruitment Board?

(2) The number and castes of the candidates that have been recommended by the Board for these aforesaid vacancies, and

(3) The number of instances (together with the designation of offices with corresponding salaries) where the Board replied to the Officers to fill the vacancies according to their discretion on account of the lack of candidates which they could have recommended?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—(1) In all, about 200 vacancies have been reported. They may be classified as follows:—

Class IV	..	46
„ III	..	41
„ II	..	73
„ I	..	40
Total	..	200

(2) 624 applications received by the Central Recruitment Board from candidates of all castes have been classified and sent to the Heads of Departments, Secretaries to Government, etc.

Of these 334 are Brahmins, 53 Mahomedans, 16 Christians, 26 Vaisyas, 65 Lingayats, 29 Vokkaligars, 4 Barbers, 1 Panchama and 96 of miscellaneous castes.

(3) It is not correct to say that the Board granted permission to Officers to fill up the vacancies on account of the paucity of qualified candidates, but they granted permission to fill up the vacancies pending the preparation and issue of lists of eligible candidates.

MR. K. T. SESHAIYA, BELUR TALUK.—

Q.—6. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

The amount of money which they have given from the State Funds for the improvement of Mysore and Bangalore Cities from the earliest times as could be gathered from the records up till now together with that, that has been given for the improvement of villages?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, REVENUE DEPARTMENT.—

A.—The expenditure incurred in Bangalore and Mysore Cities up to the end of 1917-18 is furnished in the statement appended to the reply to Interpellation No. I of the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly of